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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7338

BILL NUMBER: HB 1822

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 12, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Bail Agent and Recovery Agent Licensing.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Torr

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes procedures for the reinstatement of an expired bail agent or recovery agent license. The bill requires an applicant for a bail agent license to complete 16 hours of instruction in courses that pertain to the duties and responsibilities of bail agents or recovery agents before the applicant may receive a license. It establishes continuing education requirements for the renewal of a bail agent or recovery agent license. The bill establishes procedures for persons that wish to conduct bail agent or recovery agent courses of instruction or continuing education courses. The bill also establishes procedures and requirements concerning the appointment of surety bail agents by insurers.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Department of Insurance could incur administrative expenses involved with the printing of the new continuing education requirements and implementation of the provisions for persons offering approved course work for the new continuing education requirement. Based on the new fees introduced by the bill, it is believed the Department could absorb these expenditures. In addition, the Department is required to prepare a form for the insurer to give notice to the Department of the appointment of a surety bail agent. The Department should be able to absorb the cost to develop this form given their current resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill would allow the Department to collect the following fees:

In case of reinstatement not more than 90 days after expiration of the license:

- (1) reinstatement fee of \$200, and
- (2) a pro rata portion of the license fee of either \$650 for bail recovery agents or \$300 for recovery

agents (if the date of renewal leaves one year remaining in the biennial renewal period, the fee is 50% of this amount).

In case of persons wishing to offer course work for the continuing education requirement deemed approved by the Commissioner: \$500 on an annual basis.

The revenue received from this provision would be used to cover the costs associated to implement the provision. All revenues collected relating to bail recovery agent licensure or persons offering continuing education course work are deposited into the Bail Bond Enforcement and Administration Fund.

The Department reports there are currently 475 bail agents and 52 recovery agents with active licenses. The number of licenses not renewed in the last renewal period was 72 bail agents and 29 recovery agents.

The total revenue generated is dependent on the number of expired bail bond agent licenses renewed under the provisions of the bill. The impact also depends on the number of persons wishing to offer approved continuing education.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Insurance.

Local Agencies Affected:

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